THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Purified drinking water at railway stations

1431. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the drinking water kept at railway stations in the country is not purified and is spreading some dangerous diseases; and

(b) if so, details of action proposed by the Ministry of Railways to ensure provision of purified drinking water at all the railway stations, in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No impure water is supplied and only potable water is provided at all railway stations.

(b) Does not arise.

Regional balance in rail projects

1432. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways is considering to evolve new formula, striking regional balance and equitable distribution of rail projects, in the coming years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to reflect the same in the Railway Budget for 2002-2003 and the subsequent Budgets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) The allocaiton of funds proposed in Budget 2002-03, to projects, is based on the formula contained in Minister of Railways' Budget Speech 2002-03.